

Causeway Coast and Glens
Borough Council

Council Meeting Tuesday 15th December 2015

Key Decisions

No	Item	Decision
3.	Declarations of Interest	<i>Councillor Holmes Item 8 Alderman Hillis Item 8 Members of Planning Committee present Item 20</i>
4.	Minutes of Council Meeting held 24 th November 2015	<i>Confirmed, subject to correction</i>
5.	Presentations 5.1 NIE Networks (Northern Ireland Electricity) 5.2 CART (Capital Asset Realisation Team)	<i>Noted Invite PowerGen to present to Council</i>
6.	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held 25 th November 2015	<i>Confirmed</i>
7.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 1 st December 2015 7.1 Policy on Provision of Memorial Trees 7.2 Ferry Service between Magilligan and Greencastle 7.3 Adoption of Minutes	<i>Amendment Amendment Adopted subject to Amendment at 7.1 & 7.2</i>
8.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held on 8 th December 2015 8.3 Remembering 1916 in the context of the Decade of Centenaries 8.4 Matters Arising 8.6 Adoption of Minutes	<i>Amendment Items raised considered in order presented in the minutes to be adopted Adopted subject to Amendment at 8.3</i>
9.	Minutes of Audit Meeting held on 9 th December 2015	<i>Adopted</i>
10.	Land and Property Issues in Portballintrae	<i>Workshop date agreed</i>

11.	Somme Working Group	<p><i>Somme Working Group receives a presentation from Robert Quigg VC Commemoration Society</i></p> <p><i>A pot of money should be identified and set aside and groups apply for historic events to commemorate events taking place next year</i></p>
12.	Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel	<i>Agreed with addition</i>
13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>13.1 Ulster University - Minister Farry Delegation</p> <p>13.2 Coleraine Sure Start Partnership, 17th November 2015</p> <p>13.3 OFMDFM, Good Relations and Financial Governance Division</p> <p>13.4 NILGA Council Newsletter, 30th November 2015</p> <p>13.5 Chief Inspector Catherine Magee, Causeway Coast and Glens District Command Unit</p> <p>13.6 Conference: Business Rates in Northern Ireland: The Case for Change, Chambré Public Affairs</p>	<p><i>Delegation of 6 Members nominated by d'Hondt plus Officer(s) and other Members who may have an interest, to meet Minister Farry</i></p> <p><i>Member recruited using rolling d'Hondt</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Support Youth Volunteer Academy pilot scheme</i> <i>Invite to present to Council</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>
14.	<p>Consultation Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals for a Successor to DARD's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework 2011-15 • Costs Protection in Environmental Cases • Discussion Paper – Proposals for Taking Forward in Climate Change Legislation • Use of Seat Belts by Child Passengers aged 3-13years on Buses and Coaches • Draft Equality Scheme • Interim Structure for EA School Development Service • Draft Disability Action Plan 	<i>Noted</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Regional Stadia Programme for Soccer • New Regulations Concerning the Conduct of Passengers and Driver on Public Service Vehicles 	
15.	<p>Seal Documents</p> <p>15.1 Portrush West Bay Environmental Improvement Scheme – Supplemental agreement between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Newtown Stewart Construction Ltd;</p> <p>15.2 Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery (No's. 1472-1473);</p> <p>15.3 Grant of Burial Deeds Register Enagh Cemetery (No's. 435);</p> <p>15.4 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (Nos 4301 – 4310 incl).</p> <p>15.5 NIE Way Leave Agreement – Coleraine Harbour</p>	<i>Seal Affixed (Items 15.1-15.5 inclusive)</i>
16.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McGlinchey	<i>Referred to Leisure and Development committee</i>
17.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Nicholl	<i>Referred to Leisure and Development committee</i>
18.	Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Hillis	<i>Adopted</i>
19.	Rates Opening Position	<i>Noted</i>
20.	Land Transaction	<i>Agreed in principle</i>
21.	Call In Request received 1 st December 2015	<i>Updated</i>
22.	Deferred Item – Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facility	<i>Motion lost</i>

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 7.00pm

In the Chair: The Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Present: Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKeown, McKillop S, Mullan;
Councillors Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Douglas, Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Harding, Holmes, Hunter, Loftus, McCaul, McCorkell, McGlinchey, McGuigan, McKillop MA, McLean, McShane P, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson

In attendance: D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Performance
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
J Gray, Strategic Programme and Projects Manager
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing and Sport
S McLaughlin, Capital Projects Officer
E Johnston, Head of Democratic and Customer Services
P Donaghy, Democratic Services Manager
A Finney, Committee and Member Services Officer

R Ballentine, Network Operations Manager } Northern Ireland
C Baker, Customer Relations Manager } Electricity Networks

J Moore, Head of Lands and Property } Strategic Investment Board

C Magee, Chief Inspector } PSNI

Also in attendance: Press (4no.)
Public (3no.)

1. Mayor's Business

Employment

The Mayor welcomed the creation of 60 jobs by Seating Matters in Limavady and the announcement of further jobs at Bushmills Distillery.

Northern Ireland Road Safety Awards

The Mayor extended congratulations to the NI Road Safety Award winners from the Borough. The Council was successful in the Best Public Sector Project category winning an award for its initiative in road safety.

2. Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Alderman Hickey and Councillors Duddy, McCandless and C McShane.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Holmes declared an Interest in Item 8 – Leisure and Development Committee Minutes of 8th December Revitalise Programme as a trustee of a property in Railway Road, Coleraine.

Alderman Hillis declared an Interest in Item 8 – Leisure and Development Committee Minutes of 8th December Revitalise Programme as a trustee of a property in Railway Road, Coleraine.

Members of the Planning Committee declared an interest in Item 20 Land Transaction. Councillor Baird, Councillor Callan, Alderman Cole, Councillor Fielding, Alderman Finlay, Councillor Fitzpatrick, Alderman King, Councillor Loftus, Councillor McCaul, Alderman S McKillop, Councillor McGuigan, Alderman McKeown, Councillor P McShane, Alderman Mullan, Councillor Nicholl.

4. Minutes of Council Meeting held 24th November 2015

Matters Arising

4.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman McKillop

Alderman McKillop proposed and it was **AGREED** to note a correction to the minutes at item 7.2 as follows: **that the second part of the last sentence be removed and replaced by the words “That this Council shall also examine all other avenues to ensure we are doing everything possible to combat animal cruelty in the borough.”**

4.2 Closure of Garvagh Care Home

Referring to the closure of Garvagh Care Home and the meeting being arranged by the Mayor, Alderman Cole commented on its importance and the concern amongst the local community.

Councillor McGuigan raised a point of order that the discussion was around the accuracy of the minutes.

The Mayor clarified that arrangements were being made for Members from Bann DEA to meet the home.

4.3 Confirmation of minutes

It was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED: that the minutes of the Council Meeting on 24th November be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the correction noted at 4.1.**

5. Presentations

5.1 Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

The Chair invited NIE Networks representatives to present to the meeting. The Network Operations Manager presented an overview of key facts and figures regarding NIE Networks, the emergency plan, the *Winter is Coming* campaign and other programmes and initiatives. The Manager advised that Elected Members should have received details of the Elective Representative hotline telephone number to report any issues to NIE Networks.

- * Councillor Douglas joined the meeting at 7.09pm during the presentation.

The Chair thanked the NIE Networks representatives for the presentation who then responded to specific Elected Members' questions. These included exporting renewal energy to the grid, high energy prices, bird droppings on properties from birds sitting on overhead lines, the cost of underground cabling and management of disruption caused due to major works.

Members with queries relating to specific customers were asked to contact NIE Networks directly.

- * Councillor McCaul and Alderman McKeown arrived at the meeting at 7.30pm and 7.32pm respectively during questions.
- * Councillor Mulholland arrived at the meeting at 7.45pm during questions.
- * The NIE representatives left the meeting at 7.50pm.

Alderman Finlay proposed and it was **AGREED: that Council invites PowerGen to present to Council on energy costs in Northern Ireland.**

5.2 CART (Capital Asset Realisation Team)

The Director of Leisure and Development introduced the presentation by informing Members of work carried out to date by Council on its asset register. Mr Jonathan Moore, Strategic Investment Board, then presented the work of the Asset Management Unit over the past three years, its main tasks and the Executive's capital receipts 2011-15.

Mr Moore responded to specific Elected Members' questions regarding asset management and land valuations.

* The CART representative left the meeting at 8.14pm.

6. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held 25th November 2015

It was **AGREED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 25th November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

7. Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 1st December 2015

Councillor Fielding presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

A point of order was raised by Councillor Fielding, following Councillor Baird expressing disappointment that by approving an application for a single dwelling at the entrance to Glenshesk, Ballycastle has resulted in the destruction of mature beech trees.

The Mayor reminded Members that any issues raised should relate to matters contained within the minutes.

Matters Arising

7.1 Policy on Provision of Memorial Trees

In response to Councillor Clarke, the Director of Environmental Services suggested that the provision of World War I memorial benches in Anderson Park could be approved as a stand-alone element. The policy of provision of memorial trees primarily relates to requests from the general public.

Following concerns raised by Alderman Mullan and Councillor Chivers and the Director of Environmental Services advised that Blackburn Park, Limavady would be removed from the list of locations for memorial trees and advised that other locations will be assessed.

7.2 Ferry Service between Magilligan and Greencastle

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Nicholl, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey and **AGREED: that Council contact Minister McIlveen directly in addition to Stormont to assist in helping to re-establish the Ferry service between Magilligan and Greencastle and that they seek co-operation from the Irish Government.**

7.3 Adoption of the Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Councillor Beattie and **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 1st December 2015, be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendment at 7.1 and 7.2 above.**

8. Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2015

Councillor McLean presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

8.1 Dervock Facilities Update

In response to Alderman S McKillop, the Director of Leisure and Development advised a site visit to Dervock facilities would be arranged at the earliest opportunity to allow Members to review the options.

8.2 Dervock Facilities – Local Government Auditor

It was proposed by Councillor P McShane, seconded by Councillor McGuigan: **that the issues associated with the development and upgrade of Dervock facilities are raised with the Local Government Auditor.**

Following clarification from the Chief Executive who referred to the planned site visit to the facilities by Elected Members, Councillor P McShane withdrew his proposal with the agreement of his seconder.

8.3 Remembering 1916 in the context of the Decade of Anniversaries

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Finlay that: **Council does not use the word ‘commemorate’ and revises Annexe A accordingly.**

An amendment was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor P McShane that: **Council uses the word ‘remember’ in all circumstances with regard to Council events within the Decade of Centenaries.**

The Mayor put the amended motion to the vote, 13 Members voted for, and 19 voted against.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The Mayor put the substantive motion to the vote, 18 Members voted for, 8 voted against and there were 8 abstentions.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

8.4 Matters Arising

It was **AGREED: that, at future meetings, items raised under Matters Arising would be considered in the order presented in the minutes to be adopted.**

8.5 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Hickey

Alderman Mullan voiced his concerns with Committee's recommendation to amend the original motion. He stated that the original motion was structured so as to enable officers to take it forward in a practical way with aims and objectives, hopefully resulting in meaningful outcomes. However the amendment, in his view, rendered the motion meaningless and impracticable.

Discussion continued with some Members expressing the opposite view that the amended motion did not substantially alter the original motion and retained the spirit of the original motion.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Harding, seconded by Alderman Hillis that Council move to the next business.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote.

20 Members voted for, 5 Members voted against.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

8.6 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting, held 8th December 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendment at 8.3.**

9. Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 9th December 2015

Councillor McGlinchey presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

9.1 Appointment of Independent Member

The Chief Executive clarified that any independent member would have an advisory role and no voting rights.

9.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 9th December 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved.**

10. Land and Property Issues in Portballintrae

The Director of Performance presented the report, circulated, as undernoted;

Background

At a meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee on 17th November 2015 Committee recommended, ratified by Council at its meeting on 24th November, that a workshop be held on Monday 14th December.

However, in light of several legal issues that need to be addressed, prior to this, the workshop has been postponed.

It is recommended that the workshop, to consider the issues, is rescheduled to take place held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.00pm in The Large Committee Room, Civic Headquarters, Coleraine.

It was proposed by Alderman McKillop, seconded by Councillor Hunter and **AGREED: that the workshop, to consider the issues, is rescheduled to take place held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.00pm in The Large Committee Room, Civic Headquarters, Coleraine.**

11. Somme Working Group

The Head of Democratic and Customer Services presented the report, circulated, as undernoted;

Background

Further to the reports to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee in October and November and adoption of Notice of Motion (15) by Council on 27th October Council decided to take steps to commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme in 2016 and assist in the facilitation, co-ordination and support of associated community-led events.

The Working Group will report to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

This report is based on the deliberations of the inaugural meeting on Working Group on 8th December, comprised of Alderman Finlay, Councillors Clarke (Chair), McCandless, Wilson, and Quigley.

Terms of Reference

The working group's terms of reference, as agreed by Council, were confirmed:

“to commemorate, through appropriately dignified and inclusive means, the centenary of the Battle of the Somme across the Borough; and that a budget be decided by Council after the working group's initial investigations and discussions on possible events and initiatives.”

Recognition Programme

The Working Group received presentations from the following Groups who had requested resource support and sponsorship from Council for the delivery of proposed programmes of events recognising the Anniversary of the Somme.

The catchment area for the events was the entire Causeway Coast and Glens Borough and includes engaging with local schools, voluntary, cultural and heritage groups in researching and commemorating their shared history.

- ***Ballymoney Cultural & Heritage Society (27th June – 2nd July)***

The project will bring history to life over a five day exhibition, including displays, workshops, re-enactments. Communities will have the unique opportunity to learn about their shared history, to challenge and to accept diversity that will be fundamental to achieving a shared future for all. The event, based in Ballymoney Showgrounds, will include First World War Trenches, field hospitals, cooking demonstrations and music and dance from the area. The 36th Ulster Division, the 10th and 16th Irish Divisions will play a major part and Living History Ireland will put on a War Horse re-enactment. A re-enactment around the Easter Rising and how this time in our history divided families will also be included.

The event, understood to be the largest event taking place in Northern Ireland, as part of the decade of centenaries commemoration, is expected to attract some 30,000 visitors from across Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland.

The group who have submitted the project to the Big Lottery and other funders require confirmation of partnership funding by 17th December. Total event cost £48,000.

Under a separate project the Society will deliver a schools project involving 60 primary schools throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area researching the history of people named on local war memorials, culminating in the publication of book of their stories.

- ***The Royal British Legion Coleraine, in partnership with the Ulster Scots Regeneration Group (29th June – 2nd July)***

Events and activities included, inter alia, Somme Dinner, tree planting, campment, wreath laying, Candle Lit Vigil. The request is for use of facilities.

The Working Group will identify and meet other groups and interested parties in the Borough area planning and bring forward a recommendation on budgetary provision.

It will meet with relevant officers to understand the programme of events developed through the Council's Museum and Good Relations services in order to remember and reflect on the significant historical events of 1916.

It agreed that engagement of young people and creating a lasting legacy was a key aim as was delivery of a co-ordinated marketing and promotional campaign.

It is recommended, on the proposal of Councillor Finlay seconded by Councillor Wilson, **that in view of funding timelines on the Ballymoney Cultural & Heritage project that Council agree in principle to provide match funding and other support for their Battle of the Somme Commemoration Project 30th June – 1st July.**

Councillor Clarke, Chair of the Somme Working Group, advised that the Working Group had held its second meeting on 15th December and in view of time restrictions for one of the groups involved, the Working Group recommended on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Quigley that: **Council proceeds to allocate a budget of £24,000 towards the Ballymoney Cultural and Heritage Society event, £7,000 towards Royal British Legion Coleraine, in partnership with the Ulster Scots Regeneration Group event and £9,000 for any other groups.**

It was proposed by Councillor Baird, seconded by Alderman S McKillop and AGREED that: **the Somme Working Group receives a presentation from the Robert Quigg VC Commemoration Society on its proposal for the Anniversary of The Somme.**

Councillor P McShane proposed an amendment that: **funding for all historic events next year should be considered in the round.** Councillor McGuigan seconded this with the addition that: **applications be submitted to Council and that groups get funding based on criteria.** Councillor McShane agreed to Councillor McGuigan's addition to his amendment.

Seeking clarification that the motion amended Councillor Clarke's motion the Mayor asked Councillor McShane or McGuigan to restate the motion.

Councillor McShane confirmed the motion: **that a pot of money should be identified and set aside and groups apply for historic events to commemorate events taking place next year.**

The Mayor put the amended motion to the vote.

18 Members voted for, 15 voted against and 0 abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

Following a query from Alderman S McKillop, the Chief Executive clarified the funding identified would be for all legacy issues to include the work of the Working Group and additional work.

Alderman McKeown raised a point of clarification on the motion that had just been voted on. Other Members voiced their confusion and sought clarity from the Chief Executive and the Mayor asked for the vote to be retaken.

The Mayor declared a 10 minute recess from 9.13pm to clarify the misunderstandings.

The meeting recommenced at 9.28pm.

The Chief Executive clarified that the vote taken had been in order and Council could move to the next item of business.

12. Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel

It was **AGREED: that Council adopts the Partnership Panel report, circulated, and include the issue of the practice of some GPs charging their patients for processing and authenticating postal vote applications for a second time.**

13. Correspondence

The Director of Performance presented the following items of correspondence, as circulated:

13.1 Ulster University - Minister Farry Delegation

Following Council's decision to invite Minister Farry to a meeting at Civic Headquarters to seek the restoration of the £8.6 million reduction in the budget of the Ulster University, representatives from Minister Farry's Office have been unable to coordinate a suitable date and time. Minister Farry has, however, invited a Council Delegation to meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, to discuss the issue. Council is asked to consider this request.

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that a delegation of six Members nominated by d'Hondt and other Members who may have an interest meet Minister Farry at Parliament Buildings, Stormont.**

Councillor McGuigan added that Officers should also attend and a pre meeting would be useful.

13.2 Coleraine Sure Start Partnership, 17th November 2015

In a recent review of Sure Starts in NI it was recommended to recruit a local Councillor to its Board of Governors.

It was **AGREED: that a Member is recruited to the Board of Governors Coleraine Sure Start Partnership using rolling d'Hondt.**

13.3 OFMDFM, Good Relations and Financial Governance Division

The Executive's good relations Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) strategy recognises the important role played by District Councils and local representatives in delivering the strategy's aims and objectives. In recognition of this

vital role, the T:BUC Programme Board, has asked the Equality Commission (ECNI) and the Community Relations Council (CRC) to deliver a series of good relations seminars to district council local representatives.

Representatives from CRC/ECNI will be in contact in the near future seeking suitable times to schedule a seminar for council.

13.4 NILGA Council Newsletter, 30th November 2015

This bulletin provides Members and officers with key information on the work being taken forward through NILGA, councils and partners, delivering results for local government.

13.5 Chief Inspector Catherine Magee, Causeway Coast and Glens District Command Unit

Council's support is sought for the Youth Volunteer Academy pilot scheme which will commence in Ballymoney in January 2016 and a presentation could be made to Council if required.

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus, seconded by Councillor Quigley and **AGREED: that as Chief Inspector Magee was in attendance she should address Council at the meeting.**

The Mayor invited Chief Inspector Magee to address Council. Chief Inspector Magee thanked Members and advised Council that PSNI is seeking Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's support for the Youth Volunteer Academy pilot scheme. The scheme aims to provide young people aged 13-18 years an insight into how agencies work such as PSNI and NIAS and involves a 30 week programme during which the young people will gain OCN accredited and first aid qualifications. The pilot scheme is fully funded and will be subject to evaluation.

It was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Alderman Cole and **AGREED: that Council support the Youth Volunteer Academy pilot scheme which will commence in Ballymoney in January 2016 and extend an invitation to present to Council.**

Chief Inspector Magee responded to a Member's query regarding referral to the pilot scheme.

* Chief Inspector Magee left the meeting at 9.43pm.

13.6 Conference: Business Rates in Northern Ireland: The Case for Change, Chambré Public Affairs

Council gave approval for interested Members to attend the Case for Change, Half Day Conference, 12 January 2016, Riddell Hall
Queen's University Belfast, Stranmillis, 8.50 am - 1.15 pm
Standard Rate £125, NILGA Member Rate £105

14. Consultation Schedule

The Director of Performance invited comments on the following Consultations, circulated and noted.

- Proposals for a Successor to DARD's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework 2011-15;
- Costs Protection In Environmental Cases;
- Discussion Paper – Proposals for Taking Forward NI Climate Change Legislation;
- Use of Seat Belts by Child Passengers aged 3-13 years on Buses and Coaches;
- Draft Equality Scheme;
- Interim Structure for EA School Development Service;
- Draft Disability Action Plan;
- Sub-Regional Stadia Programme for Soccer;
- New Regulations concerning the Conduct of Passengers and Drivers on Public Service Vehicles;

15. Seal Documents

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and **AGREED: that the Seal of the Council be affixed to;**

- 15.1 Portrush West Bay Environmental Improvement Scheme – Supplemental agreement between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Newtown Stewart Construction Ltd.
- 15.2 Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery (No's. 1472-1473);
- 15.3 Grant of Burial Deeds Register Enagh Cemetery (No's. 435);
- 15.4 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (Nos 4301-4310 incl.).
- 15.5 NIE Networks Way Leave Agreement – to provide a new supply to premises in the Coleraine Harbour.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Nicholl

"That this Council supports a bypass for Dungiven, calls on the Minister for Regional Development to publish the findings of the 2012 public inquiry and to progress to the development stage of the process immediately. Furthermore, this council is committed to the delivery of a bypass, to pursuing finding and resources and to working with all relevant stakeholders".

It was **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.**

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Nicholl, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey

“That this Council notes with concern that the levels of Invest NI Funding that has historically come into the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area is, given the levels of deprivation and unemployment, disproportionately much less than other council areas and that this Council will immediately liaise with Invest NI and Governmental Departments to address this without further delay.”

It was **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.**

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Alderman Campbell

“Cross party all council Motion made following delegation on behalf of the 7 Rates Support Grant recipient councils, with Minister for the Environment, held on 11th November 2015

“That the NI Executive commits to

- (i) Ring-fencing a sum of a minimum of £18.325m within Executive budgets from 2016/17 onwards, from the Department of the Communities and if necessary related Departments*
- (ii) A fundamental review of the rates support grant mechanism coupled with a review of its aims & objectives to ensure that those councils, with proven socio-economic need, can maintain comparable levels of service provision to those councils with stronger, sustainable rates bases.”*

The Mayor advised that in accordance with Standing Order 15.1 (6) she would allow consideration of the Motion at the meeting.

Alderman Hillis presented the motion and proposed its adoption, seconded by Alderman Campbell.

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- (i) Ring-fencing a sum of a minimum of £18.325m within Executive budgets from 2016/17 onwards, from the Department of the Communities and if necessary related Departments**
- (ii) A fundamental review of the rates support grant mechanism coupled with a review of its aims & objectives to ensure that those councils, with proven socio-economic need, can maintain comparable levels of service provision to those councils with stronger, sustainable rates bases.”**

Council **AGREED: to adopt the motion as presented.**

19. Rates Opening Position

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McCorkell and **AGREED: that Council consider the remaining business ‘In Committee’.**

The Chief Finance Officer presented the report for information, circulated, as summarized below;

This report sets out the opening position regarding the setting of the rates for 2016/17 and this position is shown in table attached as previously circulated. The paper takes into account known factors such as the 3.4% Employer's National Insurance increase for staff who are contracted out ie: members of the NILGOSC pension scheme and takes a first look at the impact of the new proposed living wage which is effective from 1 April 2016. In addition the paper looks ahead for the next three financial years (2017/18, 2018/19 and 2109/20) as we begin to build up a medium term financial plan for Council.

The Chief Finance Officer then responded to Members' queries relating to the rates setting system including the provision of variance reports, waste issues such as NILAS targets and wages and salaries.

20. Land Transaction

The Chief Executive presented the report for decision, circulated, as summarized below;

Background

During the past 3 months Council officials have had informal conversations with representatives from the Honourable the Irish Society about a proposed project to create a 5* boutique hotel at the Honourable the Irish Society's disused laboratory site at 38 Castleroe Road. The Society is keen to see this become a reality. From Council's perspective it has potential to deliver an important tourist / economic resource for the area.

Their current plans would involve, for reasons of space for parking, the Society buying the Council land which is shown edged in red on the attached map. It is scrub land at present, with bushes and some trees, and therefore not, in the opinion of officers, material to Council amenity. The plan would be to route the hotel entrance road through this area, with some parking space in it too. The project may also need a right of way to access the Somerset car park entrance and to obtain shared use of the car park, again for car parking but that will be a matter for a subsequent report.

The Honourable the Irish Society have now formally communicated to Council requesting the purchase of the plot through their agent the sale of c0.5 acres (2,030 m²) of Council owned land as shown in the map as previously circulated.

It is recommended that the Council sell the land in question to the Honourable the Irish Society, subject to satisfactory contractual and legal consideration, in order to facilitate the development of a boutique hotel in Coleraine.

Alderman Finlay raised a point of order regarding Planning Committee members taking part in the discussion.

The Chief Executive advised that Members of the Planning Committee present declare an interest and abstain from any subsequent vote on the issue.

Officers also responded to queries relating to the value of the plot of land and the procedure of disposal of assets.

Alderman McKillop stated that Council should agree in principle subject to relevant legislation.

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor Watton: **that Council agree, in principle, to sell the land in question to the Honourable the Irish Society, subject to satisfactory contractual, asset disposal and legal consideration, in order to facilitate the development of a boutique hotel in Coleraine.**

The Mayor put the amended motion to the vote.

20 Members voted for, and 0 voted against.

The Mayor declared the amended motion carried.

21. Call In Request received 1st December 2015

The Chief Executive provided a verbal update informing Members that the call in request had been referred to a barrister for legal opinion.

22. Deferred item – Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facilities

The Director of Leisure and Development introduced the report stating that:

- Following the initial concept of the scheme by Limavady Borough Council, the Dungiven project has now been rationalised in accordance with the need from a 3 site - £7.5m facility to a single site facility with a confirmed tendered cost of £2.8m
- The project adheres to Council's facility strategy investment criteria, approved by Council.
- Council has approved officers to progress the project from Stages 1 to 2 in August 2015.
- The £2.8m capital cost is proposed to be funded as follows:
 - DCAL Letter of Offer received for £2.5m
 - Community Landfill Fund approved grant for £339k subject to Council approval.
- In comparison to the existing property and service, the proposed facility is forecast to achieve revenue savings of £70k per annum based upon energy efficiency and increased revenue generation.
- The cost of renovating / repairing / converting the existing property is estimated to be circa £800k, which would not be eligible for external grant funding.

In conclusion:

- The approval of the recommendation, will provide a fit-for-purpose facility that is proportional to the area need and in doing so, create both a capital saving and a revenue efficiency to Council.

It was asked that Members note the update that has been provided and recommended that Members approve;

- The Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facilities Tender Report (as circulated)
- That the Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facilities project progress to “Stage 3” in the Council Capital Project Management System, that being;
- Award of the Construction Contract and Appointment of P&K McKaigue Ltd as the contractor to carry out the works for the Tendered Sum of £2,839,850 in accordance with the Tender Report.
- Accept the DCAL Letter of Offer for £2.5m.
- Approve the LCF application for £339,850 and accept the resulting Letter of Offer.

It was proposed by Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey: **to recommend that Council note the update that has been provided and recommend approval of;**

- **The Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facilities Tender Report (as circulated)**
- **That the Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facilities project progress to “Stage 3” in the Council Capital Project Management System, that being;**
- **Award of the Construction Contract and Appointment of P&K McKaigue Ltd as the contractor to carry out the works for the Tendered Sum of £2,839,850 in accordance with the Tender Report.**
- **Accept the DCAL Letter of Offer for £2.5m.**
- **Approve the LCF application for £339,850 and accept the resulting Letter of Offer.**

The Mayor put the motion to the vote.

14 Members voted for, 19 voted against and 1 abstention.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

It was proposed by Councillor MA McKillop, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that Council resolve itself ‘Out of Committee’.**

This being all the business the meeting closed at 10.55pm.